

Senate Resolution 395

By: Senators Heath of the 31st and Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Brandi Nicole Shaw; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Brandi Nicole Shaw has committed an inspiring and courageous act of
3 compassion in becoming the kidney donor for her fellow Georgian, Andy Freeman; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after receiving the startling news that his kidneys were failing, Andy Freeman
5 began to visit a clinic three times a week for hemodialysis treatment, a three-to-four hour
6 process that involved having his blood removed from his body, cleaned, and filtered back
7 into his system; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after a period of five months, Andy was able to switch to a more convenient
9 procedure, but he was still in need of a donor; and
- 10 WHEREAS, each year in Georgia, approximately 300 kidney transplants are performed, but
11 there are more than 1,500 people on the waiting list and the list keeps growing; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Brandi Nicole Shaw, a Georgia State University graduate, a teacher at Ivy Hall
13 Day School, and a devoted wife and mother of two, met Andy through a fan group for the
14 Atlanta Thrashers; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after attending a number of Thrashers games with the group, Brandi learned
16 about Andy's unfortunate condition, and although she barely knew him, she volunteered to
17 be screened as a possible donor; and
- 18 WHEREAS, on August 17, 2006 Brandi Shaw and Andy Freeman underwent surgery at
19 Piedmont Hospital, and on the next day, Brandi gave Andy an absolutely priceless gift; and
- 20 WHEREAS, her selfless actions have saved the life of another human being and have
21 brought honor to her family, her community, and the State of Georgia.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in recognizing the amazing courage of Brandi Nicole Shaw, commending her
3 extraordinary compassion in volunteering as a kidney donor, and extending to her family
4 their sincerest best wishes for the future.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Brandi Nicole Shaw.